



A. I. S.
(ACADEMIC INTERVENTION SERVICES)

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Course Description

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Academic Intervention Services helps students who have been identified as struggling to achieve ELA learning standards in grades K-12. Reading and writing skills are emphasized throughout the year.

Students are eligible for A.I.S. when they have not passed a state assessment in English, such as the 8th Grade NYS ELA Assessment or the ELA Regents Exam. "Not passing" means that a student has not met the state-designated performance levels. Students are also eligible for A.I.S. if the school district determines that the student is at risk of not meeting state standards. This essentially puts you in danger of not passing the English Regents and possibly NOT GRADUATING from high school.

The goal of Academic Intervention Services is to help you improve your reading and writing skills. Ultimately, we want to see you successfully pass the NYS ELA Regents exam, which is a requirement for graduation for all students.

Materials

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REQUIRED:

- a charged, school-issued Chromebook
- working writing implements

OPTIONAL:

- ELA work that you are struggling with



- Daily attendance is expected and required.
- Students must take care of all matters that are of a personal nature *before* coming to class. This includes locker, bathroom, water fountain, phone calls, sports-related issues and so on.
- Students must be on time each day and equipped with a charged Chromebook, a *functional* writing implement, and a positive attitude.

- Students will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner by refraining from using rude gestures, swearing, or put-downs; and observing appropriate group discussion etiquette.
- Students should keep their hands, feet, books, and materials to themselves at all times. Please do not touch or handle anything in the classroom that is not yours.
- Students who cannot abide by these expectations will minimally incur a lower participation grade for the day as well as possible disciplinary action, to include detention or suspension.



Technology



- Cell phones should be silenced and put away upon entering the classroom. Texting, email or other social media use is not permitted during class.
- Chromebooks must come to class charged daily; do not ask permission to borrow one from the library--go before class.
- Earphones for MUSIC are rarely allowed and, contrary to popular opinion, they do not help you concentrate better--DON'T ask.

The following codes may appear in the gradebook:

EX = excused/exempt *

L = late

D = done

ND = not done +

A = absent +

M = modified assignment

*assignment is not calculated
+ assignment counts as a 0

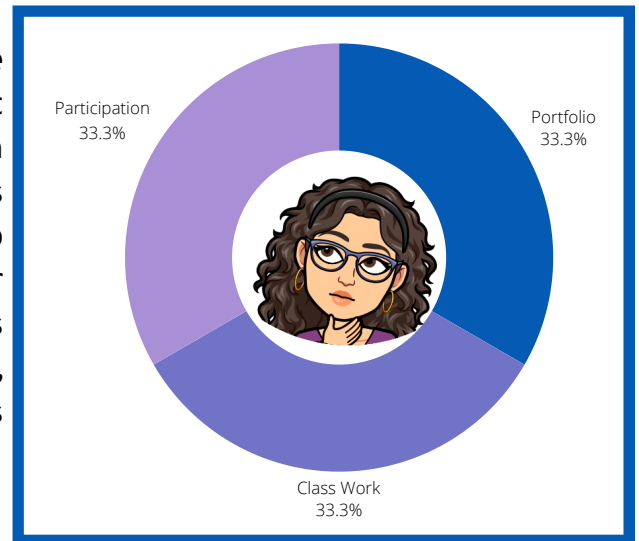
Grades:

A.I.S. is a **PASS** or **FAIL** class that will be “graded” solely on attendance, participation, and the improvement of skills, therefore regular attendance is required and expected. A.I.S. **IS NOT A STUDY HALL**, it is a state-mandated class where all classwork is geared to help students achieve “state-designated performance levels” and ultimately success on assessments required for high school graduation. Students will receive quarterly RTI reports that will be sent directly home to parents detailing the student’s progress.

Participation is defined as the physical presence of the student in the class as well as the student’s engagement with the curriculum. A participation grade is based upon observance of general classroom expectations and includes the following criteria: presence for the total class in order to be exposed to the curriculum; preparation and materials for the day’s lesson; willingness to be involved with classmates and the curriculum; appropriateness of comments, behavior, and materials; and restraint from using technology devices in an inappropriate manner.

Class work. Work will be assigned regularly. As already stated, skills will specifically focus on reading and writing deficits. There will be some flexibility with daily work, as much will be tailored to specific individual needs as possible. Whenever possible, students will be able to receive help on ELA assignments and/or supportive skills meant to parallel current topics of study in ELA class. Generally speaking, all assignments are expected to be turned in on time; work will be on-going, so late work should never occur.

Portfolios. Students will be expected to keep a portfolio of work within the classroom that will be evaluated each progress period, which means twice every marking period. Students will be asked to reflect on the work they have done over the course of the progress period. This work will inform the quarterly progress reports that are sent home.



Plagiarism/Cheating

This class is specifically a place for learning and practicing invaluable reading and writing skills. To circumvent this necessary practice is to willfully engage in dishonest habits that can ultimately affect your grade and compromise your academic integrity. Therefore, AI-generated text and "Googled" or shared answers will be considered cheating and be subject to academic discipline. Become familiar with the WHS Plagiarism Policy.

Extra Help

Extra help opportunities will be posted weekly, with opportunities for both during and after school. Students are welcome to avail themselves of this time regardless of who their assigned ELA provider is.